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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 4558

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJ: TERRORIST ATTACK IN KUALA LUMPUR

1. FOLLOWING OUR BRIEFING EARLY THIS MORNING (K.L. 4555), I TOOK SWEDISH CONSUL GENERAL FROM SINGAPORE, STEN BIELKELOV, TO COMMAND POST TO PUT HIM IN TOUCH WITH GOM. MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS GHAZALI SHAFIE WAS PRESENT, ALONG WITH SENIOR SECURITY AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS. MUCH OF GHAZALI'S BRIEFING HAS BEEN OVERTAKEN BY NEWS THAT TERRORISTS HAVE RELENDED AND ARE ALLOWING PLANE TO PROCEED FROM TOKYO WITH ONLY FIVE TERRORISTS ABOARD (K.L. 4557). HE DID EMPHASIZE THAT SITUATION IS AT CRUCIAL STAGE. HIS APPRECIATION IS THAT TERRORISTS BELIEVE GOJ AND GOM ARE PLAYING STRAIGHTFORWARD WITH THEM. IT NOT CLEAR WHETHER OR WHO THEY WOULD WANT TO TAKE WITH THEM AS HOSTAGES WHEN THEY LEAVE. GOJ AND GOM NOT AT THAT POINT OF DISCUSSION WITH TERRORISTS. TERRORISTS HAVE SAID THEY WANT TO GO TO ARAB COUNTRY. THEY SAID IT IS "JOINT RESPONSIBILITY" OF AMERICAN, SWEDISH, MALAYSIAN AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS TO ARRANGE OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING CLEARANCES.

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2. GHAZALI, WHO IS SENIOR GOM OFFICIAL ON SPOT, INTERRUPTED BRIEFING TO BRING PRIME MINISTER RAZAK UP TO DATE WITH SIMILAR APPRAISAL. GHAZALI WAS IN GRIM MOOD, AND REITERATED "WE AT CRUCIAL POINT." HE ASKED THAT I CONVEY HIS REGRETS TO MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF AND PARTICULARLY TO MRS. STEBBINS.

3. FURTHER TO OUR 4557, JAL OFFICIAL HERE HAS TOLD JAPANESE EMBASSY THAT IT WILL TAKE ONE HOUR AND TWENTY MINUTES TO PREPARE AIRCRAFT FOR TAKEOFF IN TOKYO. (ASSOCIATED PRESS BULLETIN ABOUT AN HOUR AGO SAID JAL CREW HAD DISEMBARKED FROM AIRCRAFT, SO PROBABLY LONG LEAD TIME IS NEEDED TO GET PLANE OFF GROUND.) JAL REPRESENTATIVE SAID HE HOPES TO HAVE WORD BY 1:00 PM LOCAL TIME THAT AIRCRAFT HAS DEPARTED HANEDA.  
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